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CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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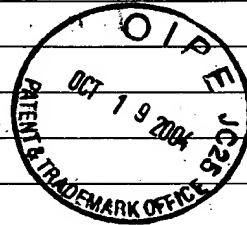
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of each of the references listed on Form PTO-1449 are attached.

Also enclosed is a copy of a Japanese Office Action (with translation) bearing a mailing date of July 20, 2004, and the U.S. PTO is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited therein.

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Cited references PCT WO 99/08280, PCT WO 99/08281 and PCT WO 99/08282 correspond to JP 11-120749.

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	0 776 008	05-28-1997	EUROPE				X
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